THE DEVIL YOU KNOW

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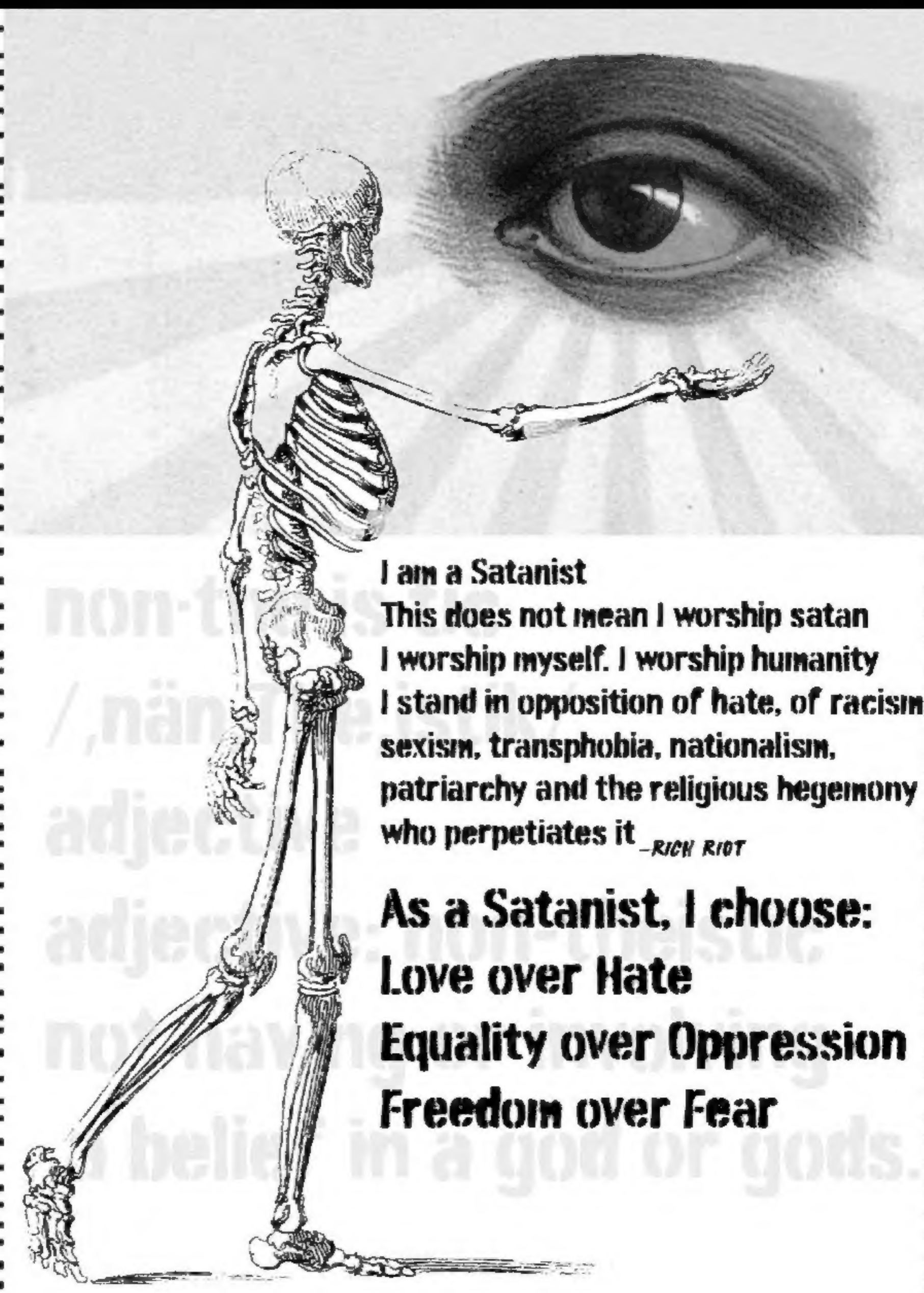


I am a Satanist
This does not mean I worship satan
I worship myself. I worship humanity
I stand in opposition of hate, of racism, sexism, transphobia, nationalism, patriarchy and the religious hegemony who perpetiates it *–RICH RIOT*

As a Satanist, I choose:
Love over Hate
Equality over Oppression
Freedom over Fear

Hail Nikki

Truthfully? I was never religious. I could count on one hand the number of times I've attended in my life. That's not to say that people didn't try to convert me. They tried. I've just never been interested in religion and my family never forced the matter.

Rew.

But Nikki, you say. Why did you join Hail Arizona, a non theistic, satanic organization?

First of all, wow what a great question. Your hair looks great today by the way.

Bull$hit aside, what really started my satanic journey was Covid. I saw a plethora of friends that were so affected by the pandemic and realized just how precarious my position really was. I could see a path where I could potentially become homeless and it terrified me. It was at this time that I felt an overwhelming need to help my community. If I fell on hard times, I could lean on my family, but most don't have that option. Hail Arizona offered all the community work that I was looking for without all the weird religious stuff that I was actively avoiding.

Okay but I'm still confused, what exactly is Hail Arizona?

We are a grass-roots, non-theistic Satanic community, independent of any official organization. We support community-lead efforts and social activism. At least that's what our Facebook group says. Also we're the ones who created the Zine you're reading!

Nikki

Ask the DEVIL

Dear the Devil,

I recently got Covid and am currently quarantined. I've quickly gone through all my video games. Any satanic suggestions for a PC gamer? Also what was up with that whole fiddle thing?

Sincerely,
PC Pete

Creepy

Cute

Hampster Ravens

Dear PC Pete,

As I Devil, I would tell you to spread the plague but honestly it's doing enough of that on it's own. Instead you should stay home and play Little Misfortune. Little Misfortune is a very somber game about death but it's wrapped up in an adorable package (kinda like if Pumped Up Kicks was a video game). I'm sure you're tired from Covid so this will be a good laid back game. AND YOU TELL THAT ASSHOLE JOHNNY THAT THE ONLY REASON I LOST IS BECAUSE MY FIDDLE WAS MADE OUT OF GOLD! HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TUNING A GOLD FIDDLE?! YEAH CAN'T FUCKING BE DONE! Anyways, feel better.

-The Devil

P.S. The Stanley Parable and What Remains of Edith Finch are also great games for the PC.

Funny

Artsy

Sad

Do you want to ask the Devil for advice about life, love, and evil? Do you want your question to be featured in the next issue? Send us an Email to askthedevil69@gmail.com and you could be next!

Horrorscopes

Know your fortune!

Derek the Duck

Jun. 21- Jul. 22 You're going to need to put on pants eventually.

Sona Lisa

Jul. 23- Aug.22 You are forgery, but a pretty convincing one at that.

Tired Ghost

Dec. 22- Jan. 19 It's a good month for pottery, not coffee though.Actually coffee is always good.

Boooobies

Aug. 23- Sep. 22 You are creepy, but strangely enticing

Orange Juice

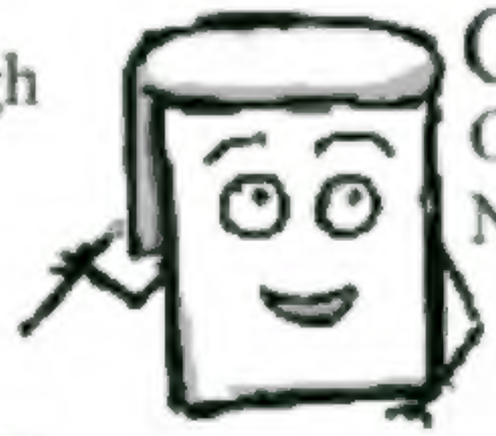
Jan. 20- Feb. 18 You didn't do it. I wouldn't worry about it too much.

Creamy Beige

Sep. 23- Oct. 22 What are you doing in my waters?

High Ostrich

Feb. 19- Mar. 20 Not a flightless bird if you're high enough



Get Creative

Oct. 23- Nov. 21 This will be a good month for anything. As long as it's not green.

Caterpillar Gains

Mar. 21- Apr. 19 All transformations are worthy.

Crushed Budlight

Nov. 22 You are one of a kind, yet you are often found in the gutters.

Apathetic Tooth

Apr. 20- May 20 Indulge in your sweet tooth, you deserve to feel something.

Flower Bud

Nov. 23- Dec. 21 They know what you did and are watching you. Also the pot might be making you paranoid.

Becky

May 21- Jun. 20 This is your sign to get wine drunk.

I grew up in the evangelical christian community. We all believed in infallibility of the Bible, believed in a 100% real 'spiritual realm' - angels & devils, god & the devil, a battle for our souls. Without questioning, I accepted god as **GOOD** & Satan as **EVIL**.

As a non-theistic Satanist, I now know that none of this is true - I've seen behind the curtain. I also recognize the 'villiany' of the god-character & relate to the values of the (fictional) Satan-character. Question everything!

Nontheistic Cleanliness is Next to What to a Modern Satanist?

By Vaughan Grey

A few years back, I started telling close associates that I subscribed to Seven Tenets and thus associated with Modern Satanism. Immediately, this raised concern. "Oh, I didn't realize you were a Devil Worshipper," one quipped back. "Did you perform a blood sacrifice?" another asked. Of course, the answer was a defiant, "no" to both of those concerns. I had to literally explain in a strongly worded paragraph that the Satanism I was referring to had nothing to do with theistic beliefs and that belief in the classic "Devil" or "Satan" didn't even apply, much less require any blood sacrifice unless you were into voluntarily giving at the Red Cross drives (keep in mind, this was before Covid-19 was unleashed and changed everything in the medical field).

So many variations of Satanism exist now that it is easy to get lost in the different interpretations. When I first learned of a nontheistic version of Satanism that celebrated the perfection of the self and that Satan only existed as a symbol, of which one version could be considered "LeVeyan," I remember feeling both bewildered and a little disenfranchised. In my younger years, I was always told that true Satanism was merely a rejection of orthodox Christianity, worshipping the Devil, selling your soul to Lucifer, Satan, or a combination of the two, and usually a blood pact/Black Mass or two. I have to admit, none of it sounded particularly appealing to me at the time.

Of course, what I didn't realize was that my naïve, inexperienced mind was being manipulated by the demoralizing influence of the Satanic Panic of the time. Yes, I realize that terrifying and most hypocritical movement has returned with a vengeance we could compare unironically to hellfire, but I am referring only to what I refer to as the "retro early 90s charm" (as only I put it) phase of the SP. I knew of many innocent people who were falsely labeled "Satanists" simply because they did not fit into the cultural narrative of my myopic geographic area. Regardless of if it was true or not, if certain people thought of you as a "loser," you could be labeled a Satanist. If you enjoyed heavy metal music, you could be labeled one of "them." It didn't matter if it was true or not, or if you were into a theistic or nontheistic religion, perception was the reality of the time. You either "were" or "were not." There was no nuance or in-between. Life was simply black and white to these inebriated simpletons.

What I am getting at here is that what was engrained upon me during those formative years was the concept of theistic Satanism being the only Satanism there ever could be. By the time I had my mind expanded thanks to the advent of social media and online forums, I thought being nontheistic was limited to Atheism. How could Satanism and all its derivatives be lumped together with not believing in higher deity? The answer was surprisingly simple: Nontheistic Satanism presents "Satan" as a positive archetype for self-preservation, enlightenment, & social Darwinism. Immediately, I thought of the classic moment in David Lynch's *Wild at Heart*, where Nicolas Cage's character explains that his snakeskin jacket represents "my individuality and belief in personal freedom." Suddenly, modern Satanism seemed accessible and relatable. I immediately stopped feeling shame in my intellectual pursuits and embraced a higher identity. But all of the possible avenues still had not been explored fully. The question still lingered,

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'What is God to a Nontheistic Satanist?'

I realized there was no way I could write off Theistic Satanists with one fell swoop of 21st century rationality. Not every Satanist around this world has a sponsored podcast where their progressive views are respected. What about the concept of the soul, ghosts, spirits? You see these patterns repeated across many cultures and world religions. None of this was exclusive to Christian or Catholic belief. Even the Pagans that many Satanists of today emulate had many of these beliefs. Sure, Nontheistic Satanism is a materialist religion. To be so narrow-minded as to denounce the concept of an actual "God" to an educated, woke 21st-century Nontheistic Satanist would be doing a disservice to the entire movement, I feel. The 1st tenet states, "One should strive to act with compassion and empathy toward all creatures in accordance with reason." Couldn't the concept of "God" be considered a "creature" to a Nontheistic Satanist?

To theistic thinkers, God is a judge, guide, and embodiment of fear; a being that will hold you accountable for all of your actions in this life and deliver judgment accordingly after the end of it. This creates an environment of fear of punishment for straying from the path that their religion or belief system sees fit for them. This takes the form of demon possession, ghosts, and hell, as just a few examples. Isn't that what Modern Satanism strives to avoid?

As a nontheistic thinker, independent thought and confidence in one's own rationale are at the forefront. The concept of God becomes more about embodying an unlimited energy source, a scientific source of creation. A magnetic guide, rather than a moralistic one. But where energy is emitted, the source is also the destination where energy will eventually return. Of course, those who might share this rationale don't deny the existence of a God. It is only the existence of presented Gods and/or Deities that the Nontheistic Satanist deny since there had yet to be any scientific evidence to prove they exist in the first place.

The 5th tenet states, "One should take care never to distort scientific facts to fit one's beliefs." Such are the claims of theistic Satanists worldwide who might still believe in worshipping a supposed physically real Devil and/or demon to escape the suppressive religious beliefs they were brought up with. Where the entire concept of God is displaced is when emotions attributed to a God take presence over being properly defined as to what we are really talking about when we argue with our theistic colleagues about who is correct and who is merely confused.

So, while my unconventional nontheistic stance affords me protection against the classic "God vs. Devil" or "What Kind of God Allows Good People to Suffer" debates my theistic colleagues prefer to indulge in, I also realize that the evidence of a God ever existing in some form is not completely off the table. Like certain USA election tampering cases you may have previously heard about, the concept is not that outlandish. We just need to see the proof beyond a shadow of doubt first. I mean, I'd feel the same way about Cthulhu if I were a member of his cult.

We stand together as a proud community of Satanists.
We celebrate the noble qualities of empathy and compassion, and aspire to fairness, justice and wisdom in our dealings with ourselves and all beings.

We honor the sovereign will and autonomy of the individual, and though it delight and inspire, or pain and offend, we recognize the right of all to the expression of these.
We reject the mandates of superstition, the dictates of despots and the tyranny of ignorance, for we suffer neither gods nor masters, and seek always to align thought and action with our best understanding of the world, and our place in it, as revealed by evidence, inquiry and reason.

Though we aspire to nobility in thought and action, we recognize that all are fallible and all will fall short of perfection. For this reason we open ourselves to fair criticism, seek to correct our missteps, and offer the same opportunity to all.

We bind ourselves as a community in these principles, each seeking out our own path, but aligned in common purpose. For this, we are called Satanists, and we proudly don this mantle.

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